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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 28, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on October 19, 2009 for failure to pay the three and one half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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